



City of National City Focused General Plan Update

Webinar #2 Questions

Thursday, August 27, 2020; 5-6:30PM

Q & A

1. Will this general plan help with creating jobs?
 - A General Plan develops policies to help spur the economy's growth, so job creation is certainly an important goal. Although we are not developing an economic element of the General Plan, policies in the land use, transportation, and housing elements can help spur the creation of jobs.
2. Need more open spaces.
 - Thank you for your comment. This will be passed on to the City and consultant team.
3. New housing developments that have come about this year have not been supplying adequate parking and we are seeing the streets fill up with parking from new housing, what can be done about this?
 - We are continually monitoring parking throughout the City, including analyzing impacts of recent developments. If you can provide specific examples, we can look into parking district opportunities in the area.
4. And speaking of the pandemic, is this shaping the General Plan in that spaces have to accommodate for appropriate distancing, even if outdoors?
 - This is an evolving situation, but health and safety is definitely part of the General Plan process.
5. Do you think people will take advantage of public transportation, especially with the whole pandemic happening? Or will there be sanitation protocols? People don't really want to take public transit for fear of getting sick.
 - Each transit provider is addressing sanitation protocols. The pandemic will be over at some point in the future. At that time, fast, convenient, and reliable transit will drive a market and people will use it. All transit agencies have been developing rigorous standardized cleaning protocols that build on each other. As part of this planning process the team will be closely coordinating with SANDAG on their regional transportation plan, which envisions dramatic improvements to transit in order to provide additional options to National City residents to get them where they need to go.
6. New housing development across from John A Otis Elementary School.
 - Understood. I believe this project has the requisite number of parking spaces. We will take a look to see that they are being used appropriately.



7. Does EV Charging stations fall into the transportation plan? Our city needs this.
 - Yes, EV charging stations are part of the new technology this update is accounting for. Plans and policies that can be put in place to help facilitate this new technology are being considered. SANDAG will be conducting a study examining potential regional EV charging stations. The team will consider this study as well as it becomes available.
8. What can be done about all the truckers parking on Roosevelt?
 - That is being addressed through a separate parking plan effort. Parking is a component of the General Plan. The team is working closely with the City to make sure that findings of that parking study, as well as best practices, are available to help address this issue in the near term and the future. These findings will be incorporated into this update.
9. Our streets are getting more narrow and street lanes are being taken away. What is the reasoning for this? During rush hour we see a buildup in traffic.
 - National City has been rigorously developing a plan that comprehensively addresses all modes of travel. Certain streets may be most appropriate for slowing traffic to provide access and networks to pedestrians and bikes, or to provide a streetscape that encourages use of local retail and economic development. Equally important is balancing this with a comprehensive network for vehicles. Complete streets, a comprehensive network of streets that provides for all users, will be addressed in this update.
10. Beautification in all neighborhoods. Debris trash furniture needs to be removed to beautify.
 - Noted.
11. Not enough parking space for all housing you want to build.
 - Thank you for your comment. We will pass on your input to the team for consideration.
12. Important to keep homeowners who live in National city in their homes. Single family homes should be part of new housing. High rise buildings usually lead to more crime, more traffic. Need to increase parks, open area.
 - Thank you for your comment. We will pass on your input to the team for consideration.
13. The majority of our GHG emissions are from transportation and vehicles. Will there be specific goals and targets for the percent of National City residents who walk/bike/take transit (mode-share shift)? We could model our CAP goals after the City of San Diego CAP.
 - Largely, Climate Action Plan implementation comes down to choice. The City cannot mandate how people choose to get around; it can only provide choices. Within the Climate Action Plan, when mitigated reductions are forecasted, assumptions are made about how many people choose to engage in alternative modes of transportation. The best the City can do is provide



choices or incentives for individuals to commit to using alternative modes of transportation. The team will be conducting further outreach for how to implement those choices.

14. What plans are set for the land across the street from the National City Library?

- There is an approved project for that site. It is a multi-unit market rate residential project. It includes roughly 180 units. The project has been approved for some time and the developer has been stalled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.